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Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 200 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 4, 2006. This was down 3 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 165 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 4, 2006. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 1, 2006 through November 4, 2006 were 7.62 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Broiler Chicks Placed, 19 Selected States

| State               | : | Week Ending |          |          |          |          |         |  |
|---------------------|---|-------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------|--|
|                     | : | -----       |          |          |          |          |         |  |
|                     | : | Sep 30      | Oct 7    | Oct 14   | Oct 21   | Oct 28   | Nov 4   |  |
|                     | : | 2006        | 2006     | 2006     | 2006     | 2006     | 2006    |  |
|                     |   | :           | Thousand |          |          |          |         |  |
|                     |   | :           |          |          |          |          |         |  |
| AL                  | : | 19,528      | 20,748   | 20,797   | 19,963   | *20,097  | 19,558  |  |
| AR                  | : | 23,720      | 21,851   | *23,862  | *23,702  | 22,506   | 22,516  |  |
| DE                  | : | 5,084       | 4,321    | 3,961    | 4,809    | 5,057    | 4,877   |  |
| FL                  | : | 1,582       | 1,281    | 1,426    | 1,449    | 1,389    | 1,428   |  |
| GA                  | : | 27,746      | 26,968   | 27,565   | 27,415   | 28,790   | 28,419  |  |
| KY                  | : | 5,723       | 5,630    | 5,976    | 5,469    | *6,222   | 5,584   |  |
| LA                  | : | 3,523       | 3,664    | 3,733    | 3,470    | 3,107    | 3,907   |  |
| MD                  | : | 5,559       | 5,306    | 6,809    | 6,446    | 5,932    | 5,728   |  |
| MS                  | : | 15,193      | 15,702   | 15,237   | 14,477   | 15,205   | 15,375  |  |
| NC                  | : | 14,804      | 14,743   | 15,191   | 15,277   | 14,299   | 14,066  |  |
| OK                  | : | 4,866       | 5,115    | *4,251   | *4,211   | 4,706    | 4,426   |  |
| PA                  | : | 2,788       | 2,490    | 3,054    | *2,864   | *2,952   | 2,819   |  |
| SC                  | : | 3,839       | 4,421    | 4,256    | 4,271    | 4,463    | 4,630   |  |
| TX                  | : | 12,471      | *11,864  | *11,858  | *11,991  | *12,609  | 12,323  |  |
| VA                  | : | 4,762       | 5,541    | 4,734    | 4,222    | 4,926    | 4,697   |  |
| CA, MO, TN, & WV    | : | 16,125      | 15,220   | 15,416   | 15,187   | *15,542  | 15,102  |  |
|                     |   | :           |          |          |          |          |         |  |
| 19 State Total      | : | 167,313     | *164,865 | *168,126 | *165,223 | *167,802 | 165,455 |  |
|                     |   | :           |          |          |          |          |         |  |
| Previous Year Total | : | 170,757     | 165,328  | 168,732  | 166,512  | 170,277  | 165,230 |  |
|                     |   | :           |          |          |          |          |         |  |
| Pct. of Prev. Year  | : | 98          | 100      | 100      | 99       | 99       | 100     |  |
| -----               |   |             |          |          |          |          |         |  |
| * Revised           |   |             |          |          |          |          |         |  |